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.. MESSRS. ROSTOW AND MCNAMARA HAVE REQUESTED INDEPENDENT

(INCLUDING, SPECIFICALLY, SAIG STATION) APPRAISAL OF POLITICAL

SITUATION WITH QTE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MILITARY DIMENSIONS OF

RELATIONS UNQTE. THEY WANT US TO DRAW ON OUR CONTACTS WITH GVN

ADVISORY TO GIVE OUR CONSIDERED PRIVATE JUDGMENT ON ATTITUDES AND

POLITICAL COMPLEXION OF FIRST DIVISION AND I CORPS, ON GVN MILITARY

ESTABLISHMENT'S DEGREE OF UNITY AND COHESION, ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD

GENERAL KY, TOWARD THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND TOWARD THE WHOLE

POLITICAL EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS CURRENTLY IN TRAIN (E.G., ELECTIONS,

MOVEMENT TO ~~DEMOCRACY~~ CIVILIAN RULE, ETC.). OUR REPLY WILL HAVE TO

INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF FACTIONS NOW DISCERNABLE IN THE MILITARY

ESTABLISHMENT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES,

OBJECTIVES AND CAPACITIES FOR MISCHIEF MAKING.

2. REQUESTORS ALSO ~~WANT~~ WANT OUR (INCLUDING YOUR) PRIVATE

VIEWS ON BUDDHISTS CURRENT STATE OF MIND. DO THEY HAVE POLITICAL

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RY WANT? WHAT IS THEIR REAL POLITICAL ~~ST~~ STRENGTH, LEVEL ~~OF~~ OF
ANIZATION AND DEGREE OF POPULAR SUPPORT. SIMILAR ANALYSES
SRED OF CATHOLICS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL GROUPS.

3. WE WILL PREPARE FINAL DOCUMENT BUT URGENTLY NEED YOUR
PUT. WHAT WE NEED IS YOUR CONSIDERED OPINION ON THE POINTS RAISED
OVE SUPPORTED BY AS MUCH DETAIL, EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTATION AS
ME PERMITS YOU TO INCLUDE. TO MEET OUR REQUESTORS DEADLINE WE
LL HAVE TO HAVE YOUR ANSWER BY 1200 FRIDAY, 6 MAY WASH TIME.

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